You are I doubt not fully advised of the work of Grace that has been in progress in this place for some time past and I shall not attempt a description the principal agent (so far as preaching is concerned) was Elder Knapp and he has I believe discharged his whole duty in speaking the truth to all classes from the Slaveholder and his numerous abettors down to the poor Rum seller and Gambler and God has wonderfully blessed the truth as we believe in the conversion of multitudes

The Park St Church with which I am connected is at present destitute of a Pastor as Mr Sawyer who was our Minister from the beginning left us last Fall and removed to Collumbus Ohio where he has commenced a Literary Institution Our Society is now engaged in Building a House and if the Lord permits it to be finished and should so order in his providence that you should be the Minister to Preach the Word of life in it I certainly should rejoice. Mr ~~Tolman~~ Willis Warner who is connected with the College and takes a deep interest in the enterprise has spoken of you to our Deacons should Providence lead you this way will you just stop and look in on us and perhaps deliver a message from him whose Embassador you are

Forgive my freedom Dear Brother and belive me

Yours most Affectionately

A. G. Bodwell

New Haven May 6 - 1841

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Dear Brother

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It is with great reluctance that I now attempt to make you acquainted with some of my difficulties but necessity appears to compell me to it I would just state that some two or three years since I attempted to establish myself in a small Grocery Business in this place in the belief that such a Business (divested of of those appendages that are common in all our Shops such as Ale — Cider Wine and Stronger drinks) would be sustained but after a few months trial I — found it would not and was under the necessity of discontinueing it I at that time contracted a debt which I have since been trying to discharge but having no resource but my own labor have hitherto been unable to accomplish it in full. I am now Owing $80. and my Note has found its way into the Bank and ~~was~~ is payable about the 20th of the present month as yet I have been unable to make any provision to meet it if you can assist me some at that time without to great inconvenience to yourself I shall esteem it as a particular favor which would be remembered with gratitude